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FINALLY, ENOUGH ICE—Dustin Heath of Raymond and a couple of friends set out Monday to go ice fishing. They drove north until they could find a pond with enough ice to safely support them. They tried Waterford with no luck, he said. They finally found what they were looking for on Songo Pond in Albany, where the ice was several inches thick. Here, Heath checks the flag on one of his traps.

(Photo: A. Aloisio)

New forest board might allow nonresident members

By ALISON ALOISIO

Bethel selectmen last week reviewed a draft ordinance to establish the Bingham Forest Authority, a board that would oversee the 2,300-acre parcel acquired last year from the Bethel Water District. The draft calls for a "five-member authority appointed by selectmen and

made up of registered voters of Bethel or other municipality or territory located within Oxford County."

At a selectmen's meeting last month, the board had agreed it would be a good idea to make Newry residents eligible to serve on the authority board.

The Bingham parcel is

located in Newry. Tentative plans to create recreational trails on the land will also have to be reviewed by the Newry Planning Board.

Among other provisions under the draft ordinance: at any time the aggregate expenditure of the department in a single fiscal year is proposed to ex-

ceed \$175,000, then the entire budget for that fiscal year shall be subject to both selectmen's approval and town meeting approval; receipt of federal and state grants and their related appropriation, exceeding \$25,000 in the aggregate in any fiscal year, shall be subject to town

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Temporary cell tower proposed for Phoenix property

By ALISON ALOISIO

An application for a temporary 65-foot cell tower, to be placed on the property of the Phoenix restaurant in Newry was presented to the Planning Board last week.

Northeast Wireless Networks LLC of Falmouth wants to put a utility pole with cell panel antennae on top just off the left rear

corner of the restaurant, which is located across from Sunday River Ski Resort's South Ridge Lodge.

The tower would function for only six months, according to David Duplissis, director of field operations and program management for Northeast Wireless. It is intended to be experimental, and will serve less than a quarter-

mile area around it.

Northeast provides a roaming-only 4G network to other carriers who may have poor service in an area, he said.

If approved by the board and successful in operation, Northeast would return to the board for approval to place a permanent tower, approximately 10 feet tall, on the roof of

the restaurant. The antennae would be located in a cupola, Duplissis said.

As for the appearance of the temporary tower, Duplissis said it would be brown to blend in against trees behind it, which he said are about 55 feet tall. The pole would be buried seven feet into the ground, and rise 58 above it.

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Woodstock selectmen take early look at 2013 budget

By ALISON ALOISIO

At last week's selectmen's meeting, Woodstock Town Manager Vern Maxfield presented highlights of expected new expenses in the 2013 municipal budget.

The discussion was the first and very preliminary step in the budget-building process.

Among noteworthy

items so far are \$20,000 for a records preservation project, \$25,000 for a new one-ton truck (to replace a 2008 truck); \$5,000 for a new airpax for the Fire Department; and funds for repair of the Union Church foundation in South Woodstock.

The records project would preserve old handwritten birth, death and

marriage certificates, as well as town clerk records from the past. Maxfield said most of those are also now saved as computer files. He proposed using the \$20,000 annual payment to the town from Spruce Mountain Wind LLC for the project.

Maxfield also said he tentatively dropped the budget amount to be set

aside for the G&W Transfer Station from \$100,000 this year to \$90,000, because tipping fees are going down.

In other business the board discussed several property-related issues.

Jan Kendrick also met with selectmen regarding noise issues from hunt-

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Senior Citizens Club celebrates 50th anniversary

By ROSABELLE TIFFT

When nearly 60 members of the Bethel Senior Citizens Club gathered recently at the Bethel Inn for their annual Christmas luncheon, they marked the organization's 50th year.

"It's our 50th anniversary," said President Caroline Gould, "and that makes this holiday event extra special."

The Club was founded by 23 members in May, 1962, "as a social, political, service and educational organization." Gould praised the wisdom of the founding members whose ability to look at the big picture finds the organization still following the goals set forth 50 years ago. "Names of founding members are still well

known by the community," said Gould. They include Florence Emery, Gladys Cross, Maude Hunt, Thirzah Gibson, Mable Robertson, Maggie Lowell, Sarah Stevens, Sylvia Conroy, Stella Moore, Myrtle Lapham, Minnie Wilson, Charles Hayward, Pearl Tibbetts, Emily Saunders, Jane Kneeland, Mary Ladd, Norman Greig, Tom

Brown, Gertie Bartlett, Doris Lord, Eva Brown, Mel Valentine and Barbara Douglass. Douglass is the only living member of this troupe. She now lives with her daughter in New Hampshire.

Gould said today's membership stands at 82. "We continue to offer seniors an opportunity to social-

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2012 at a glance:

Casablanca closes; new investors sought

Bethel lost its movie theater in 2012 when the Casablanca closed. The theater operated for 17 years, opening in 1995 as part of the Bethel Station project. Business owner Elaine Riendeau said the number of customers had been declining for several years. She also said the film projectors would have had to be converted to digital in the near future as filmmakers phase out the 35 mm technology. The cost would have been in the tens of thousands of dollars, she said. At year's end Town Manager Jim Doar said the town was trying to help find qualified investors to re-open the theater.

Directional signs draw ire of businesses

Frustration among Bethel businesses this year over their inability to attract customers under the restrictions on directional signs imposed by the town's Sign Ordinance led to the formation of a special committee to reform the ordinance. Last spring a petition had initially called for a vote at town meeting to abolish the ordinance, but selectmen ultimately decided to present a warrant article instead to form the committee and hire a consultant to advise members. Its purpose, as described by Town Manager Jim Doar: "To simplify wayfinding throughout the town for vehicle and transit users through development of a comprehensive signage system suitable for immediate implementation. The plan will facilitate travel, commerce and visitation to and within the town, while strengthening historic identity and sense of place for districts, neighborhoods and signature destinations." The committee has been at work since this summer, with a proposed ordinance expected to be ready for a vote at the 2013 annual town meeting.

Former BWD land readied for new role

The Bethel Conservation Commission and other interested parties spent 2012 researching and preparing plans to turn the town's new 2,300-acre Bingham Forest into an all-season recreational resource—but one that would still remain true to the wishes of William Bingham II that it remain a conservation area. As work moved forward on a timber-management plan, a memorandum of understanding with the Bethel Water District, and an overall management plan, volunteers and consultants incorporated ideas for a variety of recreational trails: hiking, mountain-biking, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. Plans called for tying the mountain-biking trails to similar, adjacent trails owned by Sunday River Ski Resort. Those spearheading the recreational effort saw it as an opportunity to bring more tourist/recreation business to the area. At the end of the year selectmen were reviewing a proposed ordinance to form a Bethel Forest Authority to oversee the resource. A special town meeting to vote on the ordinance is expected in late January.

Woodstock wind turbine project has stormy debut

The new Spruce Mountain Wind farm in Woodstock drew complaints from its neighbors, particularly summer residents on nearby ponds. Residents claimed the sound from the 10 turbines was loud enough to at least be an annoyance, and in some cases, cause symptoms such as headaches. In August Patriot Renewables, SMW's parent company, commissioned a special monitoring study to try to determine if the sound exceeded allowable decibel levels. The study concluded it did not. But a special committee that had been formed earlier in the year to draw up a proposed new wind ordinance for the town tried to ensure that future wind projects would remain far enough away from residences to eliminate any effect that sound levels—even those legal by state standards—might have on people. They proposed decibel restrictions at property lines be tighter than state law requires, and also required notification of any property owner within two miles of towers. The draft ordinance will shortly be reviewed by the town attorney, and is expected to be placed on the warrant for the annual town meeting in March.

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Fireworks over fireworks

Fireworks became a hot issue in several area towns this year with the new state law allowing their sale and use. Woodstock and Greenwood, which both have several lakes within their borders, began receiving complaints about consumer fireworks being set off at all hours. In November, Greenwood passed an ordinance (as allowed by the state law) restricting use to specific holiday periods and times. Woodstock received two petitions also requesting a ban or restrictions, but at year's end selectmen had not decided whether to pursue it. Andover banned fireworks by a town meeting vote in March.

Museum breaks ground

The Maine Mineral and Gem Museum, originally scheduled to open this year, delayed its opening until 2013 because the size of the project doubled. Originally slated for the former Kennett Realty building on Main Street in Bethel, the MMGM added the former Viewer's Choice Video store building to provide more space. The buildings will be joined, and house noteworthy Maine gems from collections around the world, as well as research, gem cutting, lecture and other activities. The museum held a groundbreaking ceremony in October.

Andover eyes withdrawal

Prompted by continued concerns regarding the future of the Andover Elementary School, Andover residents voted in 2012 to prepare a plan to withdraw from SAD 44. In 2011 the SAD 44 School Board voted to close the school for budget reasons, but the town agreed to pay an extra \$214,000 to keep it open another year. The town then negotiated a lower extra cost of \$65,000 to keep it open for the current school year. But this fall the town decided to thoroughly explore its options for educating its student by preparing a withdrawal plan that would spell out the educational and financial arrangements in the event the town withdrew. A town committee has prepared the plan, and last week submitted it to SAD 44. It will next negotiate the details with the district. The vote on withdrawal is expected to take place this spring.

Newry Byways plan nixed

Concerns about property rights that surfaced in Newry in 2011 continued through 2012. An effort by the state and the Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments to update a 2000 plan for the Route 26 Scenic Byway through Newry met with stiff resistance. Some residents worried that the plan could prompt the town to pass stricter ordinances to protect scenic views and threaten their property rights. A committee of local residents was formed and began work on the plan. But after continued opposition, the town held a special town meeting in August and voted against supporting development of the plan, ending the town's participation.

Bethel dog park planned

A project that began quietly this year attracted some opposition toward the end of 2012. A citizen committee proposed the construction with private funds of a dog park near Bethel's Pathway, behind the C.N. Brown store on Route 2. But as informal plans progressed, snowmobilers expressed concern that the park could negatively impact a major trail that runs through the site. Others worried about liability issues. At year's end the issue went to the Bethel Planning Board and the parties looked for a solution to satisfy all.

Telstar project approved

In November SAD 44 voters approved a \$2.5 million energy and ventilation upgrade project at the Telstar complex. Approximately half the money has been put aside by voters in budget votes in recent years. The other half will come from a near-0 percent interest federal Qualified School Construction Bond. The path to approval was not an easy one, as the School Board wavered in September on whether to send the proposal to referendum or wait until next year to propose a modified project. Questions also arose about the expected savings after the debt on the Crescent Park Elementary School is paid off, and about the need for the ventilation upgrade when it was discovered just before the vote that years ago insulation had been placed inside ventilation louvers at Telstar. An evaluation by consultant Honeywell concluded the insulation had little effect on air circulation and that an upgrade was still warranted. In late December the School Board approved the procedural arrangements on the bond and the contractor (Honeywell) so the project can proceed, beginning in January.

Letters

RECONCILIATION COMMISSION NAMED

To the Editor:

Mainers can be very proud that we are the first state in the country to engage in a collaborative effort with the Indigenous Peoples of this land to address the hurtful child welfare practices imposed on them. The Maine Wabanaki-State Child Welfare Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) will create a common understanding of what, for generations, has had disastrous impact on the four Maine Wabanaki tribes, the Aroostook Band of Micmacs, Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, Passamaquoddy Tribe, and Penobscot Indian Nation. The TRC has three key purposes: 1) to create a common understanding between the Wabanaki and the State of Maine concerning what happened and is happening to Wabanaki children in the child welfare system; 2) to act on the information revealed during the TRC to implement systems change to improve the system and to better support the children and families served; and 3) to promote healing both among Wabanaki children and their families and the people who administered a widely acknowledged less than ideal system.

On Dec. 18, the Selection Panel for the TRC announced the five Commissioners they have chosen to begin this process. They are Matt Dunlap, Maine's newly elected Secretary of State, Kikisnoo, a citizen of the Wampanoag, a Native elder and teacher, Dr. Gail Werrbach, professor at the University of Maine and Director of their School of Social Work, Sandra White Hawk, a citizen of the Sicangu Lakota and Director of the First Nations Repatriation Institute, and Carol Wishcamper, former chair of the Maine State Board of Education.

The Whitman Library in Bryant Pond has asked me to speak about the Wabanaki Truth and Reconciliation Commission, as I have been serving on the Communications Subcommittee. If you are interested in learning more, I invite you to attend on Thursday, Jan. 10 from 2-3 p.m. Also please join the Maine Wabanaki Truth and Reconciliation Facebook page or go to the website: www.mainetribaltrc.org.

Arla Patch
Bryant Pond

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. We hope our readers will regard the newspaper as a public forum for discussing any topic they believe to be of interest to the community.

Insofar as possible, we attempt to publish letters without alteration, but we do reserve the right to edit for length, libel, taste and readability. Letters should be limited to 300 words, but that limit will be waived when the situation warrants.

In situations where the letter writer has a political, economic, familial or other relationship that could be perceived as bearing on the topic addressed in the letter, we strongly suggest the writer make that relationship known in the text of the letter or after their signature.

When writing, please include your full name, signature, address and telephone number (so that we may verify authorship).

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All news articles should be typed or printed legibly, and include the name and daytime telephone number of a contact person.

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Celladore

'How do you like the climate?'

Not till after World War II when we came back to live here had we been any place with rip-roaring storms. The impact of most experiences viewed from the vantage point of age is often dwarfed, but the noise and flashes seemed more awesome now than they did in my childhood. Memories of bombings were awakened and the end of the storm was welcome. We had a few violent storms here, man impotent against nature.

We were eating lunch in the kitchen one noon. Came a black cloud and rain; we started up to close windows and doors. Kristie came flying around the end of the house and into the sheltered south corner. She was not at all afraid of lightning. Often we had seen her during a flash placidly grazing and not lifting her head. She, who never came within six feet of an electric fence, had flown to us for help. B.B. ran for her halter and led her into the barn. She calmed at once when she saw him, having always associated only good things with man. By the time we had closed all the doors, the storm was over, going as quickly as it had come. We went to see what had startled Kristie.

The trunk of one of our fence-row maples was black; all the bark had been burned off. We had to cut it down. The northwest section of the electric wire fence had vanished. We found a few scraps of it here and there in the grass no larger than a corkscrew bottle opener. The outside telephone box had been blasted into the air and was up under the French prune plum tree. Not serious damage at all. "But why did it have to hit the red maple?" I moaned.

"Be glad that it didn't hit Kristie or the house," said B.B.

On an anniversary of D Day, never forgotten in this household as B.B. had gone in with the first wave of troops that morning, we had another severe storm. Rain started mildly in mid afternoon. I put the tubs out to collect water. The rain came down harder. I went out and put baskets over newly-transplanted petunia seedlings in the black tub by the pump house. Hailstones as big as marbles hurled down. Rain again. From six o'clock until nine was a continuous thunderstorm. After the first half hour, there seemed to be no place in the house to sit down where the lightning did not seem to be coming through the windows directly at you. I wandered about from room to room, never finding a haven except halfway up the stairs. By eight o'clock I decided it would never end. Some whim made me afraid to light the gas stove so I lit a candle and fixed a cold supper. Just as we were sitting down, several claps of thunder and flashes of lightning coming simultaneously were terrifying. I was sure we would go up in flame each time and be off on the devil's broomstick. At eight-thirty B.B. announced that, storm or no storm he was going to town for his "New York Sunday Times" which came on Monday except during July and August. "You'll find me dead and the house burned flat when you get back," I protested, "and a tree will fall on the truck and kill you as you drive down the narrow road." But he went. He was soon back, the stores were closed, there had been no electricity in town since six o'clock. Everyone was a bit scared. By ten o'clock the storm was waning, the thunder dimmer, the lightning farther away in wavering horizontals in place of the vertical zigzag stabs. We went to bed.

In the morning we found that the truck had been hit and the windshield wipers burned out. Bricks had toppled from the kitchen chimney and were strewn about the yard. We were in an exposed place in an open field on this hilltop. Maybe someday we would be fatally struck but anything could happen to anybody anywhere so why live in fear. I remembered that years ago when home for a week, I was sitting on the side steps at Brick End in a very mild shower. T.R. came racing out of his house, jumped into the truck waving for me to come. I ran to join him. The Abbott house on Swan Hill on the opposite end of the mountain from Celladore had been struck. All the neighbors were racing to help save what they could from the burning buildings. This was on a Fourth of July. I told B.B. we were safe; it was only on holidays that harm might come.

A few years later he came in from cruising a part of the woodlot where we almost never went. He had found a small section where seven trees were all dying from having the bark burned black. This might be a focal point of attraction, maybe underground there was a strong vein of water. Maybe this was what saved us. This was one of the few times when it would have been fun to have been rich; to have drilled for water there and discovered what was underground.

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Our Back Pages

Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: The Newry Planning Board approved an application for the \$3 million Powder Ridge development.

Andover selectmen approved installation of a traffic signal at the corner of North Main Street and Wentzell Road near the entrance to Andover Wood Products.

Births: Ella Grace Kellogg, Anne Louise Chapman, Madisyn Jade Buck.

Deaths: Earl O. Cummings, Jr., Phyllis R. Farrah, May Abbott Porter, Tressa Agnes Stowell, Ernest Malm, David Stackhouse.

20 years ago: Police were looking into the theft of an estimated \$3,791 worth of tools and equipment from a private construction site on the Northwest Bethel Road.

Ashley Brooks and Lydia Mills were the winners in The Bethel Citizen's Christmas coloring contest.

Deaths: Daniel P. O'Rourke, Sr., Elsie E. Davis, Everett Chase, Sharon M. Sprague.

30 years ago: Four inches of snow received on Dec. 24 disappeared quickly with rain, fog, and temperatures in the 50s. Strong winds Dec. 26 caused power outages in many sections.

Volunteers were being sought to take part in the New Year's Eve Parade at Sunday River Skiway.

Birth: Bryan Lee Wilson. **Deaths:** Jessie V. Packard, Harold S. Lamb.

40 years ago: Twenty-nine fifth-grade pupils from Crescent Park School visited Oxford County District Court.

Members and guests of the Universalist choir, under the direction of Susan Hathaway, caroled at 21 homes in Bryant Pond.

Deaths: Doris M. Chase, Mrs. Elsie M. Dresser, Olin S. Taylor, George E. Waterhouse, Miss Vera J. Stone, Lester D. Balentine.

50 years ago: Sunday River Skiway and Mt. Abram Ski Slopes had opened for the season. Conditions were fair with 6-8 inches of snow.

Hathaway's Country Store advertised a Snow Wolf snow blower on sale for \$199.95.

Deaths: Daniel Clinton Bennett, Miss Emma E. West, Miss Carrie M. Wight, Elder Alton J. Ver-rill.

60 years ago: A Christmas Dance was held at the William Bingham Gymnasium with music by Lord's Orchestra.

Richard Valentine was stationed with the Air Force in Japan.

70 years ago: Extremely cold weather caused water pipes to freeze in many homes.

The fuel oil outlook was serious.

Deaths: George N. Richardson, Mrs. Edward Lapham.

80 years ago: A sprinkler system was installed in Bethel Inn.

Harry Billings' store in Milton burned.

Deaths: Freeland I. Cummings, Mrs. Ella Damon, Mrs. Winnie Hall, Edward J. Thompson.

90 years ago: The Novelty Turning Co. in Norway, owned by Central Maine Power Co., was totally destroyed by fire. The factory was fully equipped with modern machinery.

South Paris Manufacturing Co. was turning out the new obstacle golf game invented by J. Harold Neal, formerly of Bethel.

Deaths: Wallace Goddridge, Ceylon Rowe.

100 years ago: Fred B. Merrill purchased the weekly newspaper, The Oxford County Citizen, and the job printing business of E. C. Bowler.

The Volunteer Hose Company was advertising a ball at Odeon Hall.

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Seniors

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ize and participate in interesting activities, keep up to date on health care and political issues affecting them, and enjoy summer and fall field trips," she said.

Barb Dion, who attended the luncheon with the Senior College members, became the newest member of the Senior Citizens. She said she has always wanted to join and meet a new group of people and the invitation gave her the opportunity. She added, "I see the Senior Citizens meeting as a very effective community-building activity."

Fran Head, vice president, also serves as program chair, assisted by Rebecca Keen and Sandra Gunther.

Head said the club had several speakers over the past year to keep members updated. Jarrod Crockett spoke on issues in the legislature that affect seniors. Sheriff Wayne Gallant talked about safety for seniors, and gave out special emergency whistles that produce a loud, shrill sound. Robert Goldman informed the members about supplemental insurance for Medicare Part B.

Another speaker, Roberta Broomhall from the Bethel Ambulance Service, is well-known to club members as she attends all meetings to be available to take and record blood pressures. This is a service of the Ambulance Service's community wellness program.

Broomhall talked about signs and symptoms of a stroke and heart attack. She gave members refrigerator magnets bearing this important information. She also reminded them to be sure their house numbers are displayed prominently.

"We also had three interesting field trips this year," said Head.

They included a trip to Portland to board the Casco Bay Lines for their mail delivery run around Casco Bay Islands; a foliage trip to Rangeley; and a trip to the Maine State Museum, where members were especially interested

in the display of the Bethel community provided by the Bethel Historical Society.

The Senior Citizens are also interested in collaborating with other groups. This fall they were invited to a special matinee performance of the Senior College Players Christmas plays. In turn, Senior College members were invited to the Christmas luncheon.

"We're hoping to have similar invitational opportunities in the future," said Head, who coordinated this effort with Roberta Taylor from Western Mountains Senior College. Both Head and Gould are members of the planning committee for the Senior College's 10th anniversary spring program, which will involve the Senior Citizens.

The club is also collaborating with Crescent Park School on a new volunteer program that just started earlier this month. The program involves seniors going to the school on Tuesday and Thursday mornings to listen to children read out loud. This is a one-to-one program between a volunteer and a student from Grades Two through Five. The goal is to help students develop more confidence in their reading skills. Principal Levi Brown coordinates the program and directs volunteers to teachers who have requested this help.

"Both teachers and students are excited about the program," said Head.

More volunteers are welcome. Anyone interested in more information on the program or the club may contact Gould at 824-3226.



SENIORS GATHER FOR CHRISTMAS, ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION—Top, from left: Nancy Mercer, Dorothy Bartlett, Rhonda Mitchell, Barbara Plummer. Bottom: Florence Morgan, Ruth Hazelton, Nancy Willard. Club members gave individual gifts of cash donations to the Bethel Food Pantry and the Christmas for Families fund. The club also donated \$100 to the Rotary Club's Christmas for Children's fund and \$100 to the Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice. Low-key fundraising activities held at club meetings support these favorite charities as well as sponsor buses for the club's field trips.

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Rotary Club fund update

BETHEL—As of Dec. 24 the Bethel Rotary Club had collected \$13,337.03 for its Christmas for Children fundraiser.

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meeting approval; the authority will only be empowered to enter into purchases, leases, contracts or agreements where the value of each action does not exceed \$10,000 and the term does not exceed one year (actions exceeding the limits will require selectmen approval).

The forest and its activities will be self-supporting through such revenue as timber harvest sales and grants, selectmen have said, and expenses will not be passed along to the

town.

After a brief discussion on the draft, the board sent it on to the town's Ordinance Review Committee.

Town owed \$31,000

Town Manager Jim Doar recommended that Bethel's town attorney pursue collection of \$31,599 from Savage Contracting for an unpaid paving bill from last year.

"We still have not been paid by the Savages for paving the Osgood Road," Doar told selectmen.

"They said they would pay half of it. That was in FY'11. We paved it the summer of 2011. We sent a bill Dec. 15, 2011, sent a reminder Jan. 16 of 2012, sent another reminder June 12 of 2012. We still haven't been paid \$31,599. I'm going to have the town attorney move to collect, and I think they should be removed from all bids until the town is paid."

The board agreed with that course of action.

(Note: On Wednesday of this week Ron Savage said

his company has a building lot on that road under contract, and as soon as they close on it the bill will be paid in full, likely within two weeks.)

In other business last week, Doar said excise tax collections this year are nearly at the 2009 level. "They had been decreasing," he said.

Selectmen also heard a year-end report on police coverage from Sheriff Wayne Gallant. He said the numbers of calls per year has dropped since

the Oxford County Sheriff's Department took over coverage in mid-2010. He noted particularly that calls in the early morning hours had declined.

The board also made appointments/reappointments to several town boards.

They included Arlan Jodrey and Hiram Towle to the Bethel Airport Authority; Dr. Lennie Shaw to the Board of Appeals; Jim Bennett, David Crockett, Robert Everett, and Michael Jodrey

to the Budget Committee; Fran Head to the Comprehensive Plan Committee; Richard Blanco to the Planning Board; Carol Boden and Allen Cressy to the Ordinance Review Committee; James Merrill, Mary Scanlon and Todd Wheeler to the Recreation Board; and Brent Angevine to the Bethel Water District.

The Comprehensive Plan Committee, which is being revived to update the 1998 plan, needs a total of nine members.

Woodstock

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ing/shooting courses at the 4-H Camp. All expressed hope the situation could be worked out to everyone's satisfaction.

Code Enforcement Officer Joelle-Corey Whitman reported on several properties for which she has been working the owners to get them cleaned up, including ones on South and North Main streets and

the Perkins Valley Road. She also provided an update on illegal tree-cutting on the property of Ken Roberts on North Pond. She said he has not yet paid a \$1,875 fine imposed, and the board decided to up the penalty if payment is not received by Jan. 15.

The board also discussed using \$460 from the Conservation Commission

budget that typically supports scholarships to the 4-H Camp to build a walking trail near the Woodstock Elementary School. Maxfield said no one had applied for the camp scholarships this year.

The Fire Department has applied for two grants, according to firefighter Tom Hartford. One would be in the amount of \$24,000 for

traffic control trailers, and the other to obtain house numbers for residents to aid firefighters in locating homes during a fire call.

Hartford said the WFD had 123 calls this year, most of them traffic-accident related.

Chairman Bob Elliot of the Wind Ordinance Committee reported that the Androscoggin Valley

Council of Governments is doing a technical review of a proposed ordinance the committee crafted. It will then be ready to go to the town attorney. The board approved spending up to \$1,000 for that purpose. Townspeople are expected to vote on the ordinance at the annual town meeting in March.

The G&W is purchasing

a new backhoe for \$29,500 in Cumberland. Selectman Rick Young said. The 580 SuperL Case has 4,200 hours on it, he said.

A special town meeting also took place the same evening. A handful of voters approved \$24,843 from the 2012 Overlay Account to cover unanticipated expenses in the Highway and Municipal Utilities Accounts.

Tower

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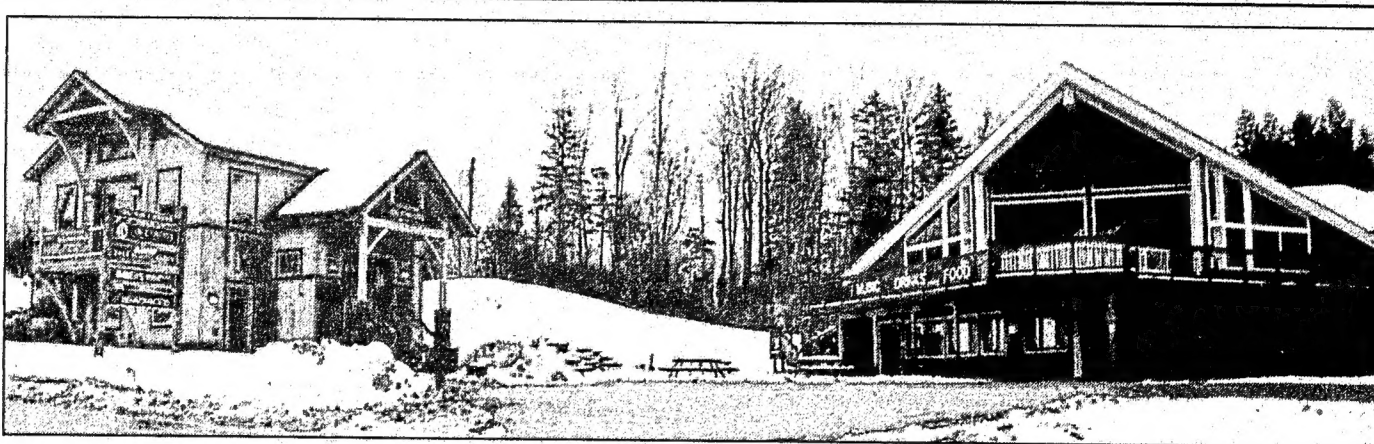
"I think it will blend in pretty well," he said.

The pole will not need lighting.

Duplissis also said the Bear River area of Newry could be a target area for better coverage in the future, although there are

no plans in place for that now.

Northeast also hopes to place a temporary tower at Sunday River's sister resort, Sugarloaf. That tower, however, will be a more traditional lattice design.



A temporary, 65-foot cell tower is proposed to be placed off the left rear corner of the Phoenix restaurant (right). (Photo: A. Aloisio)

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OCSD Patrol Log

Monday, Dec. 17

At 9:39 a.m. a report was received from Bethel that a juvenile had possibly had contact with a sex offender. Deputy Willie Nelson was assigned.

At 10:22 a.m. Lt. Chris Wainwright conducted a concealed weapons permit background check on Vernon Street in Bethel.

Tuesday, Dec. 18

At 11:35 a.m. Cpl. Chancey Libby responded to Main Street in Bethel for a vehicle that took out a street sign.

At 3:57 p.m. Deputy Sullivan Rizzo responded to the Hunts Corner Road in Albany for a traffic accident with injuries.

Wednesday, Dec. 19

At 1:17 p.m. Deputy Josh Wyman responded to the area of Ferry Road in Bethel for a report of trespassing near the railroad tracks. The deputy located the suspect and gave a verbal warning.

At 8:50 p.m. Deputy Mike Halacy responded to Route 26 in Grafton Notch for a tractor trailer off the road. The northbound driver had encountered three moose in the road. He braked, causing the tires to lock and the truck was pushed into the southbound ditch/snowbank.

Friday, Dec. 21

At 1:21 p.m. a harassment complaint was received from Depot Street in Gilead. Deputy Mike Halacy was assigned.

At 6:38 p.m. Deputy Chris Davis responded to Walkers Mills Road in Bethel for a report that several vehicles had struck a newly formed pothole and blew their tires. The deputy stood by and waited for MDOT to fill the hole.

At 11:41 p.m. Cpl. Brian Landis and Deputy Chris Davis made an OUI arrest on an OUI detail on the Sunday River Road in Newry.

Saturday, Dec. 22

At 1:39 p.m. on Route 2 in Bethel Deputy Dani Welch summonsed a subject for possession of dangerous weapons (switch blade).

Sunday, Dec. 23

At 1:22 a.m. on Route 2 in Bethel Cpl. Brian Landis and Deputy Nathan Bowie issued an OUI summons while on an OUI detail.

At 8:29 p.m. Deputies George Cayer and Nathan Bowie responded to a vehicle rollover with injuries on Route 232/Rumford Ave. in Woodstock. The driver was intoxicated and losing consciousness on the deputies' arrival. The driver was Lifelighted with serious injuries to CMMC.

This report highlights points of interest from the Oxford County Sheriff's Department Bethel-area patrol log. It lists cases reported in the log of adults being arrested or issued a summons in the 10 days prior to the newspaper's publication, but does not include all reports of activity, such as routine speeding tickets and other civil violations. To reach the OCSD, call 911 in emergency situations, 824-3437 in non-emergencies.

Bethel

By NANCY BROWN



Edna York is celebrating her 103rd birthday today Dec. 27. Congratulations on your birthday, Edna! In 2009, the town of Bethel presented Edna with the Boston Post Cane, which is given to the oldest citizen in many New England towns. The tradition began in August 1909 when Edwin A. Grozier, publisher of the Boston Post newspaper, sent ebony canes with 14-carat gold heads to 700 New England towns with the request that each town give the cane to their oldest male citizen. Upon that person's death, the cane would be transmitted to the next oldest male citizen. In 1930, after much controversy, eligibility for the canes was opened to women. Over the years, many towns have lost or misplaced the original Boston Post canes. Some canes have been stolen. Bethel, however, has been able to continue the tradition. The Boston Post was not so fortunate. Once considered one of the nation's leading newspapers, it stopped publication in 1957, a victim of competition from other newspapers, radio, and television.

More than 100 people attended Bethel's Living Nativity on Sunday, Dec. 23, on the town common. After a week of snowstorms and flooding rains, the weather cooperated for the performance. Temperatures were in the high twenties, with cloudy skies, and a few snow flurries. This reenactment of the first Christmas has been a Bethel tradition since 1964. If you missed the horse-drawn wagon rides during Bethel's Country Christmas, you have one more chance. On Sunday, Dec. 30, from 1 to 3 p.m., Sam I Am (the horse) from Deep-

wood Farms will give free wagon rides through downtown Bethel. You can meet Sam I Am at the north end of the town common next to the Chapman Inn. The rides are sponsored by The Glen House and Sunday River Rentals.

Don't forget that Jan. 1 is SAD Community Ski Day at Sunday River. On Community Ski Days, residents of SAD 44 may get free lift tickets, free equipment rentals, free adult learn to ski/ride clinic, and a 50 percent discount on food and beverages.

If you have news you'd like to share, call me at 824-2483 or e-mail nancy.

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



Everyone is busy with all their preparations for Christmas. Myself, I am about as ready as I can be and am sure it will be a nice holiday.

Aline Dupont, Lee and Jennifer Norris had a nice Christmas dinner with Jarrod, Paige and little Teddy Crockett.

Kathy and Paul Hebert are happy and proud that their daughter Tonya, her husband John and their granddaughter Lily were picked for the Living Nativity. It sure was a cold evening, thus a big thank you is in order for their dedication.

I am looking forward to hearing about your Christmas gatherings. So, please, call me at 824-3220 or e-mail han@megalink.net.

I have heard from family and friends in Germany, that they are wishing each other a happy Easter, as there the temperature is more like that time of the year. It is nice that we do get to enjoy a white Christmas.

I wish you all a very Happy New Year.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



Judith Grover tent 17 DUVCW met at Alice Hoyt's Thursday, Dec. 13, with

10 members present. President Vicky Myers read of events that happened on that date in History. The Charter was draped for a Real Son of a Civil War Veteran from Oklahoma who died. Second nomination of officers was held. Elsie told about names on the Honor Roll. Calls reported were 30. Helvi Cary received the mystery package. Next meeting, on Jan. 14, will be installation of officers. Exchange of gifts and cards, and a tasting party was held.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet at the Town Office Conference Room Thursday, Jan. 3. There will be a potluck dinner and silent auction. Please bring a dish to share, an item for the silent auction, and your own place setting. The meeting starts at 11:30. New members always welcome.

Franklin Grange will meet on Saturday, Jan. 5, at the home of Alice and Ken Hoyt. Potluck lunch

follows the 10 a.m. meeting. Bring a dish to share.

On Thursday, Jan. 10, at 2 p.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library in Bryant Pond, Arla Patch will speak about the Maine Wabanaki State Child Welfare and Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC). She has been serving on the Communications Subcommittee since last January and will share a power-point giving an historical overview and current goals. The TRC is being formed in Maine to discover the truth about the experiences of Wabanaki people with State Child Welfare programs and to promote healing and lasting change for the children taken from their families. Open to the public, no charge and light refreshments will be served.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at 9:15, Morning Service at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening is Prayer meeting at 6:30. On Sunday evening, Dec. 16, the children had their Christmas program. It was photos taken in October ad put in the form of a film. They did an excellent job. If you would like a copy they are \$5 each - see Marybeth Hoover.

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Maggie Hoyt and friend Whitney have been guests at her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hoyt and parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Hoyt. Maggie leaves the day after Christmas for Russia to work with deaf children until January while on school break. She is a senior at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



The last column for 2012! I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday and that the new year will bring much happiness to all.

My brother, Steve McLain, was in town last Tuesday night. The weather and the roads were bad, so he came with Lise to the Gilead School Board meeting at the town office. Ann Choquette and Dave Murphy, who is Gilead's Superintendent, were also present for the meeting.

Lise McLain attended the Christmas party on Thursday at the SAD 44 transportation department. She also went to Portland over the weekend to complete her Christmas shopping.

Our grandson, Benjamin Chapman, who is home from the Coast Guard Academy, spent some time with us this past weekend. His dad, Chris, called Saturday night to talk with him. We went to Gornham, N.H., to visit with Tim, Michele and Sidney. Ben has to return to the Academy by Jan. 4.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



The Ladies Aid Association plans to start serving breakfasts Sunday, Dec. 30. The coffee is hot, the food is always good, and it is a great, casual, setting to visit with neighbors and friends.

My sleds are still at the snowmobile doctor's, getting their fall tuneup, so I have not been out riding. I have noticed that some trails have already been groomed, and I am ready to get out there and ride. Please hurry up Doc.

Bob and Laurie Brown hosted a Christmas party and dinner Saturday, Dec. 22; it was a full house. Approximately 45 people were there to enjoy the food and festivities. Thanks guys for the fun and the food.

Many years ago I read an article about the development of anti-lock brakes. As I remember it, the article said that the brakes were tested in Corvettes, 100-plus miles per hour, on salt flats. I do not very often drive 100 mph, I haven't been in a Corvette since about 1975, and I have never seen a salt flat. I do drive places like Grafton Notch, Dixville Notch and other steep, slippery local roads. It is my opinion that the anti-lock brake system is one of the most horribly dangerous ideas anyone has come up with since trying to split frozen wood with a double-bitted axe. The proponents of anti-lock brakes should try driving an older vehicle equipped with them, during a snowstorm, traveling up and over Dixville Notch.



The snow-covered Intervale Road in Bethel during a storm last week.

(Photo: A. Aloisio)

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Albany

By CATHY BENNETT



Greetings from Albany. The old clock is ticking away the hours until New Year's. Luckily there is some snow left to make it seem like this time of year. Everyone is busy getting ready to gather with their loved ones. I will be joining Doug and family on Christmas.

Margaret Barton visited her aunt, Jan Jacobs, in Lewiston this afternoon. Roger and Yvette Barton visited Franklin while she was gone.

Isabella spent the day with me yesterday and we had a sleepover last night. So much fun! I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and a very happy New Year.

Dec. 20 column Mas is very quiet and peaceful day. The sun has

withdrawn itself and left us with a very light dusting of snow. Maybe will have a nice white Christmas after all! Things are very busy at school. Last Tuesday the fourth grade took a field trip to Augusta where they visited the legislative and senate chambers, the Blaine House and the Maine State Museum. We had a great time as they are a wonderful group of boys and girls. They are a very well behaved group also. They are studying about Maine and all about how our government operates.

On Saturday evening Jane Wardwell, Margaret Barton and I went to Auburn to attend a Christmas musical at the Universalist Church. We enjoyed the music of Mr. Philip House and The Dave Rowe Trio.

We also enjoyed a very good meal at The Tin Tin Buffet.

Margaret and Franklin Barton went to Brownfield on Thursday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Roger Barton. Sunday they had dinner at Jim and Dolly Bar-

ton's.

I hope the weather cooperates so everyone can get all they need to do before Christmas is done. Have a wonderful holiday with your families and friends.

Andover

By JANE RICH



The Andover Library recently held an Open House where children

enjoyed making crafts. Refreshments were donated by Service Circle members. The Library Board extends thanks to all who participated. The raffle gift basket was brimming with goodies. The winner was Carolyn Merrill. The Library has applied for participation with an e-books program and are hoping to offer patrons free access to download books in the spring of 2013.

The Andover Elementary School Council members had written a letter to State Senator John Patrick about the sad shape of their

school flags. He surprised the whole school by presenting us with new American and State of Maine flags in person on Friday, Dec. 14. Student Council members are Angela Cinton, Nyia Dixon, Dylan Duclos and Perry Morton. The adult advisor to the council is Dee Nadeau.

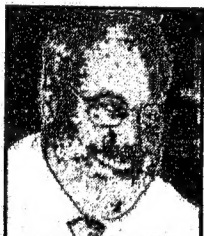
The East Andover Club participated in the Snow Valley Christmas Fair at the Fire Station site featuring homemade goodies and two raffles which were treat-filled roasters. The prizes went to Sandra Clement of Andover and Nancy Chaccio of Waltham, Mass.

Christmas was more wonderful for the 23 children served by the Yellow Star program. Thanks to all in the community and the Andover Service Circle who took stars to fulfill a child's wish. The Food Pantry also supplied 32 food boxes to area residents.

By the time you read this, Christmas will be a memory, so you need to be reminded that Dog Licenses are due Dec. 31, 2012. Fee is \$6 for a neutered

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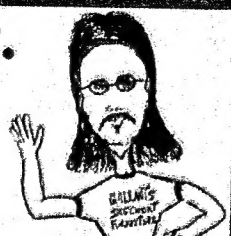
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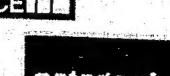
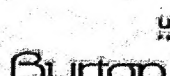
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or spayed dog and \$11 for a dog capable of producing young. Any dog which has reached the age of six months shall be registered according to Maine State Law. Bring proof of rabies shot and spaying or neutering when you register at the Town Office.

Remember, this week the Transfer Station will be open an extra hour on Saturday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will be open for regular hours on New Year's Day. Also, the Town Office is looking for a photo suitable for the Town Report. If you have one to submit, please do so by sending it via snail mail, dropping it off at the Town Office or using e-mail, andover@megalink.net.

The Andover Fitness Club meets on Monday and Tuesday at 4:30 at the elementary school gym. Denise Hurd will be leading the Walk Away the Pounds with Leslie Sansone program starting on Monday, Jan. 7, at 6:30 p.m.

If you're interested in keeping up-to-date with the Andover Withdrawal Committee, you can do so by going to www.andoverskids.com, a website maintained by Dave Belanger.

Remember the Town Office is open for regular hours on Tuesday, Jan. 1, where you can obtain papers to be on the ballot for two positions, Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of the Poor and School Board member.

Locke's Mills

By BETSEY FOSTER



A well-deserved pat on the back to our Greenwood road crew who worked tirelessly last week to keep

our roads plowed, sanded, and as safe as possible.

The Greenwood Fire Department is giving a big present to Region 9 School of Applied Technology in Mexico. The school will be receiving a white fire truck from us. Originally given to Greenwood by the Hope, Maryland, fire department, we have replaced it. Region 9 has a high school-level Firefighter 1 course, and they will be able to use the white one to train students taking this course. That truck is still at our fire station but will eventually go to Region 9.

The Greenwood Selectmen met last week and decided they will not pay double-time on holidays to the firefighters. If the station is staffed on a holiday, firefighters will receive straight time. At their previous meeting, Selectmen discussed the fact that for the last two years all fire departments across the State have been expected to pick up traffic control duties at emergencies. As Town Manager Kim Sparks said, "It is one more thing that is being pushed on us." Our property taxes, and those of all other towns, appear to be helping to balance the State budget. A little food for thought there.

Dan Gibbs of Bethel bought the 1980 fire truck with a \$3,800 bid. That money will go back to the fire department account. The Town Office will be open until 4 p.m. Dec. 31 and closed New Year's Day.

The Greenwood Planning Board will be meeting only once a month until the spring.

If you enjoy winter hiking or snowshoeing, remember that the trails

at Maggie's Nature Park along the Greenwood Road are a good place to go. We now have about two minutes more daylight since the solstice last week, and it's a good time to be outside. As my grandmother and my mother always said, "Go outside, get some fresh air, and blow the stink off."

While not as pithy as the women in my family, Garrison Keillor has the following quote about winter. "Growing up in a place that has winter, you learn to avoid self-pity. Winter is not a personal experience, everybody else is as cold as you, so you shouldn't complain about it too much. You learn this as a kid, coming home crying from the cold and Mother looks down and says, 'It's only a little frostbite. You're okay.' And thus you learn to be okay."

It's folksy and cute and goes well on a coffee cup, but it romanticizes the image of the hardy Northerner just a bit. Winter certainly controls our lives with the cold, the weather, the expense, the danger, the darkness, the driving and walking conditions. We seem to accept it and get along. And, we complain about it with either too little or too much snow and then proceed to compare it to winters of the past. Maybe the complaining is another pastime to help us get through the present winter as well as revisit winters of old. Sorry, Garrison, I think we need to complain!

Next year you can send news to me at 3taichi6@gmail.com

Hanover

By CLEM WORCESTER



Happy New Year everybody and we hope you all have a healthy and successful

year. As usual this time of year we like to look back and pick an item that was especially interesting. This year we chose neighbor Robert (Pete) Barlow for being selected as technical school instructor of the year. He has been a well-respected employee at Region 9 School of Applied Technology for many years. Once again, congratulations to the honoree and thanks for the effort provided to earn it.

The Hanover Town Office will be open Monday, Dec. 31 (New Year's Eve) from 5 to 7:30 p.m. for those who wish to take advantage of the early pay discount for their taxes. Two percent will be subtracted from the taxes paid in full before closing of business on Monday. Dog, hunting and fishing licenses run out Dec. 31 as well.

The Hanover Select Board held their monthly meeting on Dec. 18 with two members present. One Select Person was absent due to the difficult winter storm that evening. The Board discussed several assessing issues and signed warrants.

Christmas guests of Donna and Clem Worcester were Sara, Shawnee, Makala Worcester, Kaylyn Glover-Worcester and Matt and Jenny Tirrell.

There seems to be a more visible showing in the area recently of the Sheriff's Deputies and State Police. It is gratifying to have the additional coverage in the area.

The ice floats in the Androscoggin River have collected downstream creating an ice jam dam in the area of McDonald's along Route 2. In other weather news the snowstorms that turned to sleet and freezing rain were inconvenient. There are some very icy driveways caused by the slush refreezing when the temperatures dropped after the storms.

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



I hope all had a very good holiday and plan on having a great New Year.

We are taking it easy this year, at least that is the plan. We are off to dinner at Beck and Jeff's then a low-key day for Christmas. I hope the weather allows some walking. Not enough snow here to ski, but enough ice that I might be able to snowshoe.

Last week's weather left me aching and down. I am looking forward to better days. I at least made it into

town to set up gift baskets for the staff at Fare Share. I hope they enjoy them. The entire board of directors pitched in with special help from Cyndy.

Thursday, the 27th, weather permitting, ACOA will meet at the Waterford Library at 10 a.m. FMI please call 739-9115.

Not too much open this week as all are busy celebrating holidays.

Saturday, the 29th there is a full moon hike at Mt. Abram. Transportation provided for boards, skis and boots so people can ski or board down. Fee for transportation is \$5.

Monday, the 31st is New Year's Eve. There is a dance at South Paris Legion Hall, Church Street. The Jones Band will play. Tickets are \$10.

According to the Farmer's Almanac, this is the Cold Moon. I hope the sky will be clear and we can see it.

That is all for this week. Thanks to all for your support as I try and rid myself of the Lymies. If anyone has news they would like to have printed, please call 739-9115.

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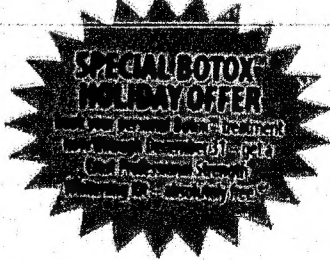
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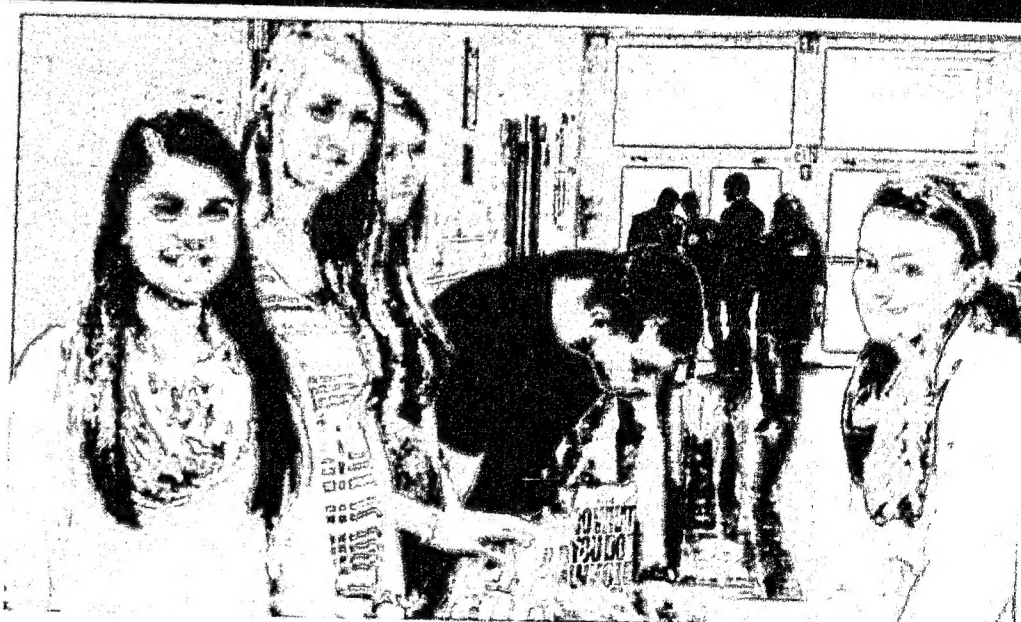
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TELSTAR MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL



November Super Heroes: The Telstar Middle School Faculty was proud to recognize 6th grader, Joseph Sicotte; 7th grader, Beth Gibson; and 8th grader Natasha Hart for their exemplary effort and perseverance with regard to their academic success, as well as their setting a positive example to their peers in overall attitude and behavior. Way to go Super Heroes!



On Dec. 7 the Telstar High School Student Council gave a presentation on the "Use Another Word" campaign, which focuses on encouraging students to replace words that are inflammatory to others with those that show respect and improve the school environment. Ana Harren, Anna Saucier, Casey Blaszcak, and Ashley Savage. In the background, signing a pledge, is Joseph Holt.

From Telstar Middle School

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 - 7 Wise saying
 - 12 Little hit
 - 15 Pea protectors
 - 19 Of direct descent
 - 20 True-blue
 - 21 Lilling melody
 - 22 Region
 - 23 Classic 1942 horror film, in old Addis Ababa?
 - 26 Lab animals
 - 27 Ovid's "Lot"
 - 28 Salute
 - 29 Nephew of Abel
 - 30 Question to someone who's not responding, in Italian?
 - 37 Lasagna cheese
 - 38 P. in Greece
 - 39 Advice bills
 - 40 School for Prince Harry
 - 41 Reply to "No you're not"
 - 44 Born, in a bridal bed
 - 45 1965 Jane Fonda comedy, on an Indonesian island?
 - 50 Firearm-cleaning aid
 - 55 Atlanta-to-Tampa dir.
 - 56 Fish hawk
 - 57 Partner of its and ands
 - 59 Singer Nyro
 - 60 Costa —, California
 - 61 "La Cage aux Folles" role
 - 63 Much-loved Harry Chapin hit, on Mt. Everest?
 - 71 Ellipsoidal
 - 72 Ump's cry
 - 73 Molecular bit
 - 74 Rigatoni, e.g.
 - 76 Bonkers
 - 77 Italian port
 - 80 Soft drink
 - 83 Under one's control
 - 85 "Peace Train" singer, in Rangoon?
 - 88 — step further
 - 90 Nothing
 - 91 3/15, e.g.
 - 92 Asthma spray, e.g.
 - 97 —Magnon man
 - 98 Pooch pace
 - 101 Tennessee Williams play, in old Bangkok?
 - 105 Lot division
 - 106 Drive along
 - 107 Socks
 - 108 Switzer-land's capital
 - 109 Flogging whip, in Mogadishu?
 - 117 Sooner State city
 - 118 Comic Gastereyer
 - 119 Concerning birds
 - 120 Old Toyota model
 - 121 More or —
 - 122 Longing
 - 123 Dogs' cries
 - 124 Covered with frozen rain
 - 1 Tampa loc.
 - 2 Ad- — (play it by ear)
 - 3 "— news?"
 - 4 Month, in Monterey
 - 5 Most sordid
 - 6 Bring out
 - 7 Noncitizen
 - 8 — good job
 - 9 Objectivist writer Rand
 - 10 Chasm
 - 11 Mourner's poem
 - 12 Blind with a bandage
 - 13 Airplane part
 - 14 Less ugly
 - 15 Mom or dad
 - 16 Navel, e.g.
 - 17 Reroute
 - 18 Is cheeky with
 - 24 Univ. sports org.
 - 25 Genoa gold
 - 30 Gyro wraps
 - 31 School, in Somme
 - 32 Rice-A-—
 - 33 Loonlike bird
 - 34 "—, can you see ..."
 - 35 Travail
 - 36 NBA's Shaq
 - 37 Soldiers in gray
 - 41 Suffix with law or saw
 - 42 U.S. vice president
 - 43 Get up onto
 - 46 Caroling song
 - 47 Lamb writing
 - 48 Fixed, as a dog
 - 49 Orrin Hatch's state
 - 51 Woman of the house
 - 52 Repented of
 - 53 Verbal
 - 54 Take a risk
 - 58 Is larcenous
 - 60 Island off Sicily
 - 61 Slowing, on a mus. score
 - 62 Four duos
 - 64 Southwest tribe
 - 65 Tennis' Lendl
 - 66 Squoosh
 - 67 Iraqi or Saudi
 - 68 Quite a drag
 - 69 Karamel — (Ben & Jerry's flavor)
 - 70 Wooster's flower
 - 75 It may be acute or right
 - 77 United — College Fund
 - 78 Take — at (try)
 - 79 Animal companion
 - 80 Pitcher Martinez
 - 81 "It's just — those things!"
 - 82 Low-key "Heyl"
 - 84 "Obey me!"
 - 86 A great deal
 - 87 Head Corleone
 - 89 Sea — (reef creature)
 - 92 Actress Sanford
 - 93 — Creed
 - 94 Emmylou or Franco
 - 95 Alters formally
 - 96 Boss
 - 98 Leader of the Belmonts
 - 99 First phases
 - 100 Hansel's sib
 - 102 3 R's org.
 - 103 Pacify
 - 104 Waters down
 - 110 "— heard enough!"
 - 111 Texas tea
 - 112 40 winks
 - 113 Live
 - 114 Apply frosting to
 - 115 Authorize to
 - 116 Stealthy

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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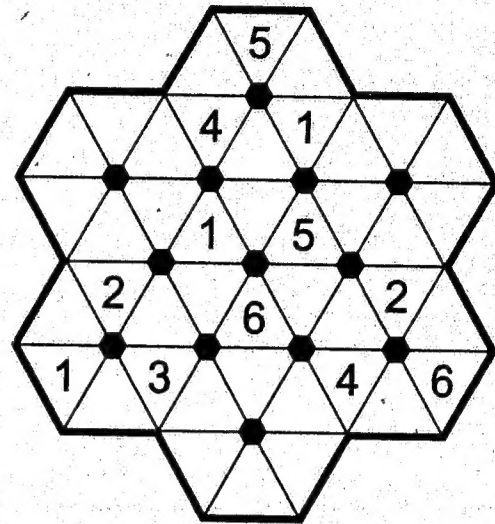
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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them.

No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.

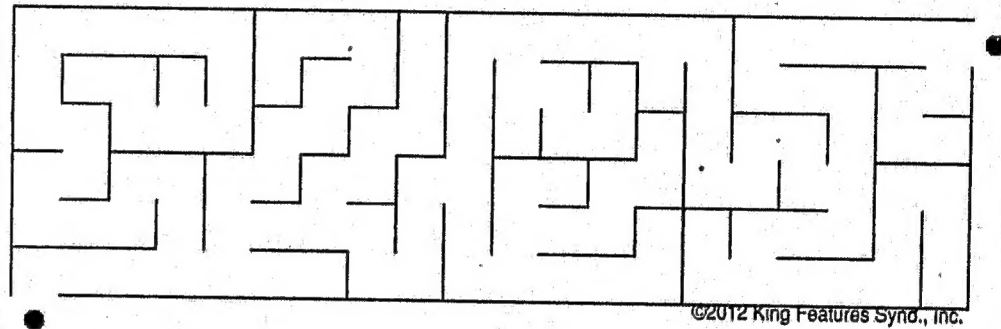


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Kids' Maze

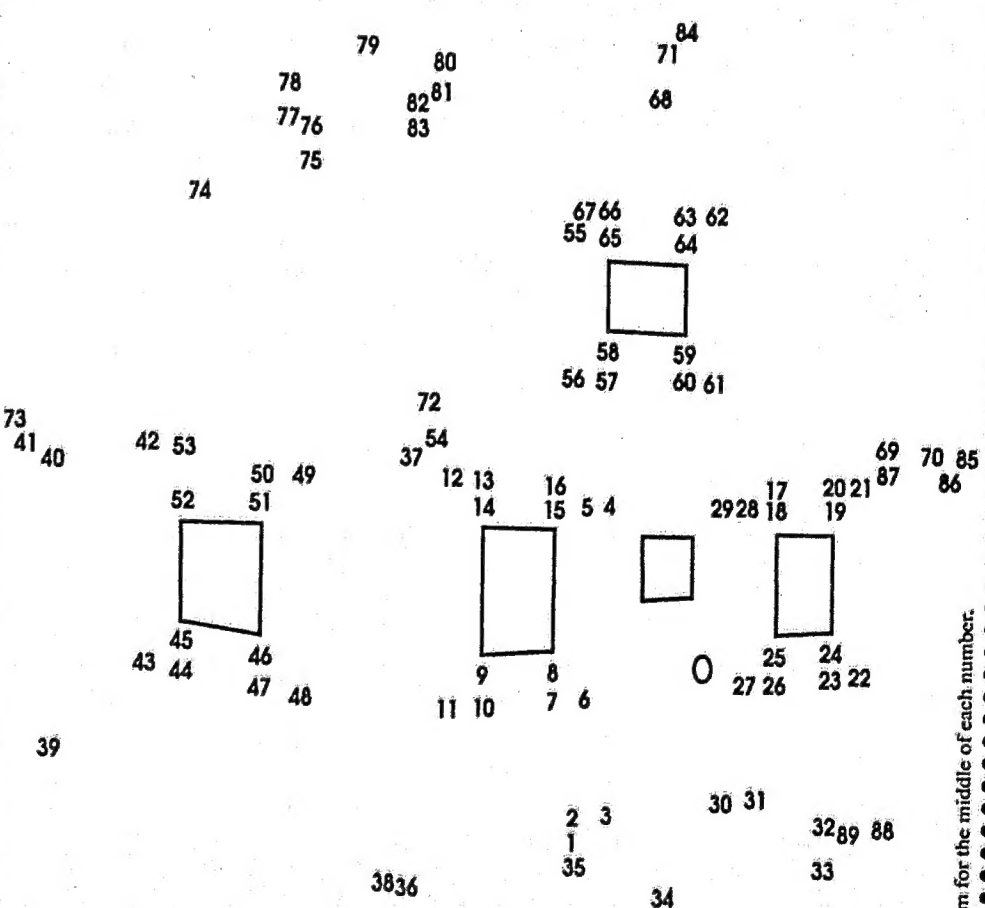


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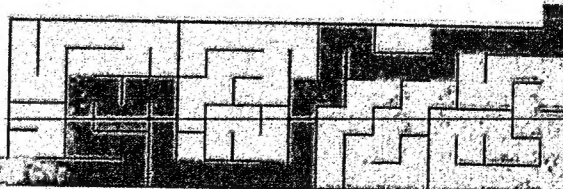
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By David Kalvitis

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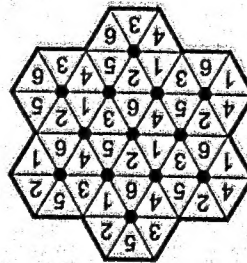


Kids' Maze Solution

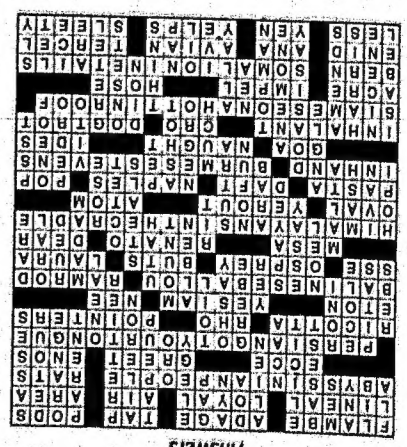
Because all the fans have gone home.

Why is a sports stadium hot after a game?

Answer
Puzzles4Kids



SNOWFLAKES solution



Super Crossword

Scramblers:
1. Swear 2. Reflect 3. March 4. Perch
Today's Word: Fathers

ANSWERS:

Community Calendar

Saturday, Dec. 29

5 p.m. - **Full Moon Hike, Mt. Abram.** Transportation for your skis and boards provided. Enjoy the hike, and then ski/ride down to the Loose Boots Lounge for live music and great food. \$5 fee for transportation of backpacks and boot bags.

7 p.m. - **The Norman Magic Experience,** Grand Summit Hotel Grand Ballroom, presented by Black Diamond Entertainment. Norman Ng is known for bringing a fresh and dynamic energy to his shows. Ages 5 and under: Free. Children 6 to 12: \$4/advance, \$6/door. Ages 13 and over \$6/advance, \$8/door.

Sunday, Dec. 30

1 to 3 p.m. - **Free Horse-drawn Wagon Rides.** Meet at the north end of the town common near the Chapman Inn for rides through historic Bethel village. Rides given by Deepwood Farm. Sponsored by The Glen House/Sunday River Rentals.

Monday, Dec. 31

7:45 and 8:15 p.m. - **Soviet Bloc Party,** presented by Black Diamond Entertainment, South Ridge Lodge, slope-side. Two free fire show performances followed by Grand Fireworks Display.

8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. - **New Year Dance,** South Paris Legion Hall, Church Street. Music by the Jones Dance Band. Refreshments. Tickets: \$10. Reservations: Betty Decoteau (743-7965).

8 p.m. - **Mt Abram New Year's 2013 Celebration** - Ring in the New Year with fireworks, live music, midnight toast, and plenty of great giveaways. FMI visit www.skimtabram.com.

5:30 p.m. - **NYE Celebration,** Bethel Inn. Five course dinner in the main dining room (5:30 to 10 p.m.) followed by the Pete Kilpatrick Band, live at the Conference Center. Great music and a champagne toast at midnight. Dinner and entertainment, \$59.95. Band only, \$10 at the door. Reservations: (800) 654-0125.

West Paris Library closed.

Tuesday, Jan. 1

9 a.m. - **SAD 44 Community Ski Day,** Sunday River. Residents of SAD 44 can receive free lift tickets, free equipment rentals, free adult learn-to-ski/ride clinic, and 50% off food and beverages.

11 a.m. - **29th Annual Carter's Last Stand.** New Year ski/snowshoe with Dave at Carter's XC Ski Center. BBQ and potluck lunch to follow.

Gilead and Hanover town offices closed.

Friday, Jan. 4

5 to 7 p.m. - **Art Open House,** Artistic Endeavors Frame Shop & Gallery showcasing watercolor works of art from local artist Judy Huber. FMI call 824-3273 or visit artisticendeavors-llc.com.

Saturday, Jan. 5

7 to 9 a.m. - **Men's Prayer Breakfast,** Bethel Alliance Church. Men and boys of all ages are encouraged to attend this great opportunity for fellowship and prayer.

Monday, Jan. 7

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - **A Socrates Café gathering,** Waterford Library. Topic: Does the Earth Have Rights? Moderator: Jim Kearney. Coffee and light refreshments will be served. FMI: Call 583-6957 or e-mail wla@waterford.lib.me.us.

6:30 p.m. - **Walk Away the Pounds with Leslie Sansone,** led by Denise Hurd, Andover Elementary School gym.

Tuesday, Jan. 8

1 to 6 p.m. - **Red Cross blood drive,** Southridge, Sunday River.

6 to 7:30 p.m. - **Telstar Middle School PTA Meeting,** Telstar Library.

7 p.m. - **Telstar Middle/High School Winter Concert,** Helen C. Berry Auditorium. THS band and chorus performances; directed by Jennifer Bennett. TMS band and chorus performances; directed by Tom Coolidge.

Wednesday, Jan. 9

11 a.m. - **Bethel Senior Citizens Meeting,** Bethel Methodist Church. This will be a potluck meal, please bring a dish to share. The auction will be held at this meeting. Members will bring items for the auction.

Thursday, Jan. 10

2 p.m. - **Arla Patch** will speak about the Maine Wabanaki-State Child Welfare Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC).

5:30 p.m. - **Primetime Ski Club's Welcome Back Potluck Dinner,** Betsy Killkenny's Powder Ridge Home. Bring a dish for 4-6. BYOB. FMI: Betsy (kilkenny12@verizon.net).

Saturday, Jan. 12

1 p.m. - **Oxford Hills Honey Bee Club Workshop,** Oxford County Extension Center, 9 Olson Road, South Paris. Speaker: Commercial bee keeper, Tony Bachelder. Public welcome. FMI: John (743-5009) or Kevin (farrout@roadrunner.net).

Tuesday, Jan. 15

9 a.m. to 12 noon - **Oxford Casino Veteran's Job Fair,** Maine Career Center, Lewiston. FMI: Jerry DeWitt, LSW (783-4663 Ext. 228) or jdewitt@tcnhs.org.

7 p.m. - **Magic of the Steelgraves,** presented by Black Diamond Entertainment, Grand Summit Hotel, Grand Ballroom. One of New England's finest magical duos performs grand illusions, juggling, clean comedy, and magic with live animals. Ages 5 and under: Free. Children 6 to 12: \$4/advance, \$6/door. Ages 13 and over \$6/advance, \$8/door.

7:45 and 8:15 p.m. - **Soviet Bloc Party,** presented by Black Diamond Entertainment, South Ridge Lodge, slope-side. Two free fire show performances followed by Grand Fireworks Display.

Wednesday, Jan. 16

5 to 7 p.m. - **Markus and Angelique Steelgrave** to entertain during Sunday River's Children's Week Family Festival Night. Kid-friendly carnival games, children's activities, bounce house, craft zone, and more. Grand Summit Hotel, Grand Ballroom.

Thursday, Jan. 17

7 p.m. - **Rainforest Reptile Show,** presented by Black Diamond Entertainment, Grand Summit Hotel, North & South Ballroom. Learn about the largest lizards in the world along with everything else in between. A hands-on learning experience that allows for direct contact with live animals. Ages 5 and under: Free. Children 6 to 12: \$4/advance, \$6/door. Ages 13 and over \$6/advance, \$8/door.

Friday, Jan. 18

6 to 8:30 p.m. - **Telstar Middle School Activity Night,** Telstar cafeteria, auditorium, and gym.

Monday, Jan. 21

6 p.m. - **Telstar Class of '73 2013 Reunion Meeting,** Market Square Restaurant, South Paris. FMI: Deven (527-2375)

Jan. 25, 26, 27

12th New Hampshire Sanctioned & Jackson Invitational Snow Sculpting Competition, Jackson, N.H. Sculpting begins Friday, Jan. 25 with many other events throughout the weekend including a bonfire, scavenger hunt, and more. Interested sculptors or those wishing further details can call (603) 883-9356 or visit www.jacksonnh.com.

REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MUNICIPAL

Bethel Selectmen: Second Monday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Planning Board: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Water District: Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Gilead Selectmen: Second Wednesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office

Gilead Planning Board: First Thursdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Greenwood Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Hanover Selectmen: Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

Hanover Planning Board: First Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Newry Selectmen: First and third Mondays of the month, 4:30 p.m., Town Office.

Newry Planning Board: First and third Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Planning Board: First and third Tuesdays, 7

p.m., Town Office

SAD 44 School Board: Second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7 p.m., Telstar High School (occasionally meet at other schools; call 824-2185 for info).

ORGANIZATIONS

Andover

Mondays and Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m.-Andover Fitness Club, Andover Elementary School gym,

Bethel

First Sunday of month, 7 p.m.-Bethel Snow Twisters at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.

Third Sunday of each month, 9 a.m. - Breakfast open to the public at no charge at Bethel Church of the Nazarene.

Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. Cycling rides leave from Bethel Bicycle. There are two groups, one riding a little longer and faster, and the other, the 'Easy Rider' group, riding slower and shorter.

Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m.-Story Time for Children at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with participating mothers. October thru April. FMI: call 824-2520.

First and Third Thursdays of month, 6 p.m.; Bethel Dog Park Committee meets at Mahosue Land Trust building. In case of inclement weather, call 836-2100.

Second Thursday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon; fourth Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.-Cross Country Quilters of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner

of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p.quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Saturdays, 11:30 a.m. - Guided One-Hour Walking Tour of Historic Bethel Hill. Meet at bell tower on north end of common. Free but donations accepted. FMI: 824-2908.

Upton

Sundays, 8 to 11 a.m. -Ladies Aid Society Breakfasts, at the Ladies Aid building, Mill Road, Upton. Breakfasts vary. Cost: Donation.

Woodstock

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m.-Woodstock Historical Society meeting at the Museum.

Norway/Paris/West Paris

Tuesdays, beginning Oct. 16, 7:30-8:30 p.m.-West Paris Baptist Church group to foster wellness for anyone searching for faith based support. The group is intended for those facing the challenges of grief, loss, addiction, codependency, and abuse issues. Light refreshments will be provided.

Fridays 9:15 a.m.-Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzz116@myfairpoint.net.

Hebron

Sundays 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.- Seasonal Public Skating, Robinson Arena, Hebron. Adults, \$3/Children 12 and under, \$2/ WinterKids Passport holders, free. FMI: 966-2100.

SUPPORT SERVICES

SAFE VOICES

Safe Voices serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5806; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

AA MEETINGS/ADDICTION HELP

Bethel Freedom Group, Open Discussion Meeting, Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room, Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1. Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. 12 Step/Traditions Meeting Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. Open Discussion Meeting Fridays at 6 pm at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street.

People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (calls confidential)

Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families (ACOA or ACA) meeting at Waterford Library (Route 37 across

from the Commons) Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. All welcome. FMI call 739-9115.

CANCER WELLNESS

Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30-3 p.m. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7267. Call to confirm in stormy weather.

EXCHANGES/PANTRIES

Clothing Exchange, Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4, Thursday 4 to 6, Saturday, 10 to 12 a.m. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours. No exceptions. 824-4090. Clothing may also be dropped off at Northeast Bank on Main Street.

Food Pantry, Nazarene Church, Park Street, Bethel. By appointment only (824-0369).

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a transitional living program for youth 18-21, homeless youth outreach and case management services for adults and children. Emergency shelter includes the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and children in crisis, and our Rumford Family Center in Rumford for families. To make a referral or request help in the South Paris area, call 743-6363 or call 869-9439 for help in the Rumford area M-F 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information on Rumford Group Homes, Inc. call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

MENTAL ILLNESS

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Wednesday 3-8 p.m.; Friday 2-7 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

VETERANS' SERVICES

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, Veterans' Advocate visits first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford 9-12 noon second Thursday at VA Clinic at 431 Franklin St. (369-3272). Maine Veterans' Services is located at 29 Westminster St., Lewiston (783-5306). (No visits in July)

MULTIPLE SERVICES

Community Concepts provides Oxford County Head Start, childcare, free rides to Maine Care appointments, subsidized apartments (Bethel, Brownfield, Fryeburg, Norway, Rumford, South Paris), affordable home-ownership opportunities, homeless shelter and assistance with home heating or weatherizing. FMI: call (800) 866-5588 or visit www.community-concepts.org.

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Prime Time Ski Club news

Prime Time Skiers were not on the slopes in great numbers last week, but we were there saying "good morning" to one another, taking advantage of new snow on Monday and excellent grooming on Thursday, Tuesday, a day best forgotten, was a "Hot Chocolate" stay at home for many of us. Please, Santa, bring us some snow!

Many members of Prime Time will be at the Sunday River Mahosuc Room after the Holidays to kick off the primary skiing season. The North Peak Lodge will be open by then, and the 10 a.m. meeting of Club members will resume around a cup of tea or a cup of hot chocolate.

Meanwhile, consider a little celebrating at the Foggy Goggle tonight at the Sunday River sponsored fireworks.

Come and join us. See what we're about at www.primetimeskiiclub.com. The Primetime Ski Club is an independent ski and social club welcoming anyone 50 and over. They meet weekdays at 10 a.m. at Sunday River's North Peak Lodge to form daily ski groups based on ability, terrain, and social aspects.

Gould Academy news:

Help centers provide custom peer tutoring

By Courtney Colaluca '13
Academy help centers provide a perfect resource and opportunity for students to get custom help in core subjects. They are organized by teachers from each department, and involve volunteer peer tutors.

The help centers develop a sense of community throughout the student body. The tutors volunteer because they care about helping their peers be successful.

"Students are able to get help just about every night of the week in a variety of subjects, and they get to

work with other students who have an interest in helping other students and also have a strength in that subject area," said Holly Tornrose, English teacher and Writing Center director. "It's a really great opportunity for basically the whole community to help one another, and to become even more successful in their studies."

The students can use the help centers for any type of extra help they could need. Each student gets to work with one peer tutor, and focus on what they struggle with. Zee '13 is in his third year as a writing center tutor. He helps with any stage of the writing process a student is in, from rough draft to a thesis statement.

"I think that the help centers, math, writing, language and science center, are really important at Gould because it gives a chance for students to connect with one another, especially for students who need help in certain areas," said Zee. "It's a perfect outlet for students to receive help on anything they are struggling with, and since it's one-on-one students really get the help they need."

The help centers focus on what each individual student requires.

Emma '16, uses the language center to get extra help on her French homework.

"I like going to the help centers because it helps with my French, working on writing sentences and knowing the vocabulary. It also puts you on a one-to-one level during study hall, which makes it really easy to get extra help," she said.

Alpha & Omega Thrift Shop offers items

Alpha & Omega Ministries Inc./Alpha & Omega Thrift Shop acting as a Christmas Angel is opening their doors to people effected by tragedies in the Oxford Hills and surrounding area. We are offering FREE household items, clothes, and other necessary items to help

people get back on their feet. We want to give to those in need and help us in our immediate need to move to our new location at 527 Park Street, South Paris. If you have any furniture or appliance needs please consider us as we have many items at reduced prices to help with furnishing an apartment or starting over. Call Bert Rugg at 515-3000 or Janice Davis at 744-0204.

Look for us at our new location very soon where we can serve the community even better than we have been able to in the last 5 1/2 years.

Looking for volunteers to help us with managing the Alpha & Omega Thrift Shop and with the imminent move taking place as you are reading this article.

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year from all of us at Alpha & Omega Ministries Inc.

University College courses starting

Students wishing to enroll in a university course still have time to register before the start of the Spring 2013 semester at University College at South Paris. For most UMS campuses, the semester will begin Jan. 14.

University College at South Paris offers hundreds of courses from Maine's public universities on-site, online, and via interactive television and videoconference. Students also can attend classes at sites in South Paris and Bethel.

Each semester, University College at South Paris offers local access to courses leading to dozens of degrees and certificates. Courses in education, human services, business, healthcare, library science, counseling, and the liberal arts are a regular part of each semester's schedule.

University College advisors provide career counseling and assist students with financial aid applications, course registrations, book orders, computer access, and more.

For more information

about registering for Spring 2013 semester courses, please contact University College at: 743-9322 or visit: www.learn.maine.edu/southparis.

McLaughlin Garden and Homestead: "Community Grows Here"

In 2012 the McLaughlin Garden and Homestead in South Paris, Maine attained fifteen years as a nationally recognized, unique public attraction. The property's history began in the early 1800s and represents the evolution of home, barn and garden.

For many years Bernard McLaughlin was the property's steward and creator of this vernacular garden.

Preserving these treasures and expanding the enjoyment and participation in the continuing story of the McLaughlin Garden and Homestead is the focal point of the current Annual Appeal.

Many, many people have been touched by the Garden and Homestead in different ways - for some it's the beauty of the gardens, for some it is the historic barn, for others it is the lovely 19th Century homestead in the middle of a modern-day main street setting. Simply said, when people step on the property they know it is Special. 2012 draws to a close after a full year of wonderful events like the Winter Lecture Series, Wildflower Celebration, Lilac Festival, Garden Illuminated and Art in the Barn exhibits.

Thanks to an education grant awarded by Project Canopy, the State of Maine Forest Service's community-forest program, over 100 identification labels now appear on many of the trees and shrubs in the garden. Two grants awarded this year provide for building restoration needs.

The Davis Family Foundation Grant and the Maine Community Foundation's Belvedere Grant have been allocated to take care of maintenance issues.

The Liberty Mutual Lew-

iston office continues its commitment as Season Underwriter and sends its employees to volunteer on the annual "Serve with Liberty" day. Many local businesses and individuals from near and far faithfully support the Foundation by sponsoring events, becoming members, responding to the Annual Appeal and spending countless hours volunteering in one way or another.

Exciting plans for 2013 include a kitchen renovation in order to re-open the cafe and once again provide the community with a gathering place to linger after a garden tour, a program or a stop at the gift shop. This is a major undertaking which will enhance future events, weddings and program delivery. The Foundation's Annual Appeal is hopeful that specific funding requests will be well received.

The last fifteen years resulted in the rescue and rehabilitation of a truly historic gem right here in our community for all of us to enjoy.

The beauty, tranquility and grace of the gardens, home and barn must be experienced to be fully appreciated.

The McLaughlin Garden and Homestead is committed to delivering experiences, events and programs that will expand its role as a very special piece of Maine.

Visit this living treasure and play a part in local history.

Sports Rumford Rec League Basketball

In one of the biggest games so far this year, The Bethel Bobcats (4-0) shook off some early game emotions and gutted out a solid 101-83 victory over Hotel Rumford (3-1) in the last game of the day. Hotel was playing without big man Issac Stickney, but Bethel lost one of their big men early in the game also.

Thus both teams were evenly matched. Bethel led

most of the game by double digits and withstood a second half comeback by The Hotel, spurred on by a desperate trapping defense, which led to costly turnovers to bring the game within reach.

However, that was overcome in the closing minutes with clutch shooting from the line and the floor by The Bobcats. Bethel was led by Wade Osgood with 26 points (8-9 from foul line), Ryan Savage 22 points (4 threes), Matt Newell 15 points (3 threes), and Sean Caddigan 12 points (7-8 from the line). Hotel Rumford got balanced, scoring from Chris Willer with 19 points (12-15 from the foul line), Aaron St. Pierre 18 (13-15 from the line), Craig Milledge 15 points and Kevin Gallant 13 points (4 threes).

In the first game, Black Bear Industries (1-3) secured its first win of the season outpacing Archies (1-3), 115-94.

UMF basketball alum Eric Taylor was everywhere on the court and couldn't be contained, scorching the nets for 63 points mostly on inside moves and drives to the basket.

Josh Allbee had 12 points in support along with 11 each from Kevin Prevost and Myles Whitlock. Archies, in defeat, had 5 players in double figures. Brett Archibald led with 21, Jarrod Chessie 16 (5-5 from three point range), Mike Holmquist 13 and 11 each from Nate Archibald and Kenny Armstrong.

The other game saw Laid Back Installers (3-1) blow out The Thundercats (0-4), 102-36.

Chris Baxter was immense inside with 40 points for LBI. Jon Benjamin helped with 20 points, while Brian Canwell had 13 and JT Taylor 10. Tom Leclerc had a nice game for The Thundercats with 15 points.

Next Sunday's (Dec. 30) big game pairs 1st place Bethel against 3rd place LBI at 10 a.m. in a rematch of last year's championship game. At 11:30 The Thundercats are hosted by Black Bear Industries.

Then Hotel Rumford and Archies finish off the day and 2012 at 1 p.m.

Church Services

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 3:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9 a.m.; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church - Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI: 392-3761.

Catalytic Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff; Morning worship 10:45-noon. Wednesday prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m. Rt. 5, South Andover, 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - 251 Walker's Mills Road, Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Senior Pastor & Nicholas Lutz, Youth Pastor. Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School for adults and children, "Sunday Morning Live" for Middle and High School youth; 10 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery care and Children's Church are available); 4:30-6:30 p.m. Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade). Tuesdays: High School Youth Group 5-7 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group 5-7 p.m. FMI: 207-824-2289.

Bethel Church of the Nazarene - 16 Church Street, Bethel. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. A.M. Worship, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Bible Study

and Prayer, 7 p.m. Third Sunday of each month at 9 a.m., breakfast open to the public at no charge. For info or if you have a prayer request: Gerry Shimamura 824-7289 or Juanita Korhonen 665-2528.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walker's Mills Road (Rt. 26). Fr. Robert Vaillancourt may be reached at the parish office 364-4556. Saturday Mass, 6 p.m. Announcements 824-2933.

Episcopal House Church - Third Sunday of the month, 4 p.m. FMI: 824-3932.

West Parish Congregational Church - Church Street, Rev. Virginia Rickeman, Pastor. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School Sept.-May. Nursery and child care provided. Tuesdays: 8 a.m., informal Prayer Group with coffee in the Chapel. All are welcome. First Wednesday of the month: 8 a.m., Mens' Breakfast Group. Entrance in rear of church. All events open to everyone. This is an open and affirming congregation. FMI: 824-2689; 824-0550.

United Methodist - Main Street - Pastor Carol Stevens. Sunday worship 9 a.m. Bible Study 1:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at Sudbury Village, Apt. 15. FMI: 824-0797.

West Bethel Union - Rev. John Williams,

Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. FMI: 836-3533 or 836-2882.

Pleasant Valley Bible Church - Pastor Dave Fraher. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. Midweek Bible study and prayer, Wednesday 6 p.m. Awana Club Fridays 3:30-5 p.m. (Cubbies ages 3/4; Sparks Grades K-2; children may take bus from school). Monthly Youth Group meetings and Grades 3- high school. FMI: 836-2828.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Sunday: Bible class, 9 a.m.; Worship Service 10 a.m. Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m. FMI: 824-3577.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. FMI: 824-8939.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. (North Waterford and East Stoneham Congregational Churches will hold their joint services

in the church on Route 5 in East Stoneham during May.) Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9 a.m., followed by Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.

LOCKE MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sondra Withey. Sunday Morning Service and Sunday School, 9-10 a.m. Bible study at the church is every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

NORWAY/PARIS

First Church of Christ, Scientist - Sunday service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd/Rt. 118 (catercorner to Norway Country Club), Norway. Call 824.4099 FMI or ride.

Trinity Lutheran Church - Route 117, S. Paris. Pastor Ray Mitchell. Sunday morning service 9 a.m. (summer) with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship. Bible Study, Wednesdays 7 p.m.

North Paris Federation - Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m. Pastor Bruce Tyner, 674-2968. Singers perform third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m.

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris across the park from the Post Office. Call Ursula Brandon at

665-2880 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012 for more information.

Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St., Norway. Sunday services: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., (July and Aug. 9 a.m.) Holy Eucharist, 743-6782; e-mail christch@megalink.net.

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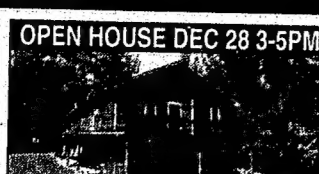
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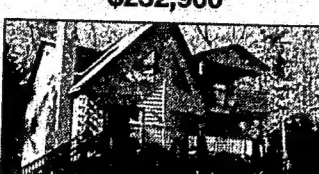
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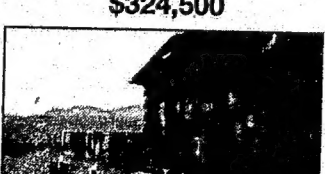
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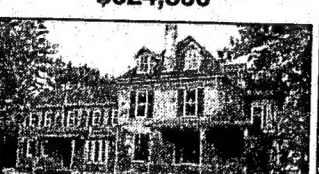
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Meadow View Estates, LLC to Three M Builders, Inc. of Coventry, R.I., 1.47 acres of land at Lot 1 Meadow View Estates subdivision. \$24,000, Oct. 2, 2012.

Dale A. and Lynne B. Ryan to Nicholas W. and Amanda Rago of York, property at 280 Skiway Road. \$172,000, Oct. 5, 2012.

Charles L. Allen to Carl J. Nelson of Glen, N.H., condominium at 23 White Cap Village. Oct. 16, 2012.

Schiavi Homes, LLC to Frank W. Getman Jr. of Portsmouth, N.H., land and building at 447 Sunday River Road. \$250,000, Oct. 26, 2012.

Estate of Hugh F. Lynch to Matthew and Bonny J. Rollender of Concord, Mass., land and building at 31 Viking Village Road. \$284,000, Oct. 26, 2012.

Obituaries



IRVING W. BROWN
Irving W. Brown, 91, passed away on Dec. 20, 2012 at the Maine Veterans' Home in South Paris.
He was born to Carl L. and Ruth M. Brown, Aug. 3, 1921, in Bethel. After graduating from Gould Academy, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Force. Irving was a proud veteran who earned the rank of tech. sergeant in World War II. He served with the 6th Airdrome Squadron in England and Germany. While serving in England, he met and married Hilda Mary Wright, who died on Jan. 11, 2011, a member of the British Royal Air Force. Upon returning to Maine after the war, they

made their lifelong home in Bethel, where they raised their four children, of whom they were very proud.
Irving engaged in a variety of careers, working many years in the local mills. Upon the construction of Telstar High School, Irving became head custodian, where he worked until retirement. He had a natural ability to fix and repair things and enjoyed working with wood.

Survivors include four children, David and wife Judi, Kathleen and husband Larry, Suki, and Bob and wife Suzanne; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

A special thanks to the Maine Veterans' Home and Rumford Community Home.

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A memorial service will be held at a later date to be announced. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Irving and Hilda Brown Scholarship Fund at Telstar Regional High School.



LEO F. KERSEY, JR.
Leo Francis Patrick "Demp" Kersey, Jr. passed away peacefully on Dec. 18, 2012 in Rumford after living a full life.
He was born in Rumford on Sept. 5, 1922, the only son of Leo F. and Melia Marie (Marceau) Kersey, Sr.

After graduating from Stephens High School in 1942, he enlisted in the US Army. Demp was a proud Veteran who earned the rank of sergeant in WW II. He fought in the heroic battle of Iwo Jima and was there to bear witness to the raising of the US Flag on Mount Suribachi.

On Sept. 5, 1951 he married the love of his life, Frances Ruth Ellis who died July 2, 2012 in Rumford. They wanted a big family and together they raised six children of whom they

were very proud. The family enjoyed traveling together and most of all spending summers at Roxbury Pond.

He was founder and proprietor of The Mexico Chicken Coop which he and Frances continued to operate until his retirement. The Coop was more than an occupation, it was a lifestyle that they enjoyed for five decades.

An avid football fan, he played semi pro football for the VFW and enjoyed watching the Patriots, as well as his favorite team, The Fighting Irish of Notre Dame. Demp was also a passionate hunter, fisherman, and enjoyed his time salmon fishing at his camp on The Miramachi River. He loved entertaining family and his long list of great friends, and had an uncanny way with the English vocabulary.

He is survived by a daughter, Charlene Kersey Newcomb and Doug Ryan; three sons, Leo F. Kersey, III and wife Lori-Lynne, Michael Kersey and wife Candy, Patrick Kersey and wife Deanna; sons-in-law David Martineau and Bob Slover; nine grandchildren, Lori Fakler, Kelly Martineau,

Matthew Slover, George Newcomb III, Leo Kersey IV, Erik Kersey, Brooke Kersey, Michael Kersey Jr.; Kathleen Kersey; four great-grandchildren, Jackson and Bryce Fakler, Tucker and Ava Sastamoine; and a brother, Tim Kersey and wife Judy, and his "big kid" Steve Chaisson.

In heaven he joins his wife Frances and daughters Colleen Kersey Martineau and Kathleen Kersey.

Demps was true, loving, welcoming, trusting and generous and his parting words to all of us would be "Tight Lines."

Friends are invited to sign the family guest book and share their thoughts, condolences and memories online at www.meadorandson.com

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 4, 2013 at Parish of the Holy Parish, St. Athanasius-St. John Church, 126 Maine Avenue, Rumford, Maine. Interment in the spring will be in St. John Cemetery, Rumford. In lieu of flowers, please contribute to the Oncology Department, c/o Community Relations, Rumford Hospital, 420 Franklin Street, Rumford, ME 04276 in his memory.

Births

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Francis W. Westleigh, Jr. and Wendy Westleigh of Gilead are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Jacob Martin Westleigh, born Nov. 5, 2012 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

Grandparents are Francis and Sally Westleigh of Bryant Pond.

Jacob joins a brother, Joshua Tyler, age 3.

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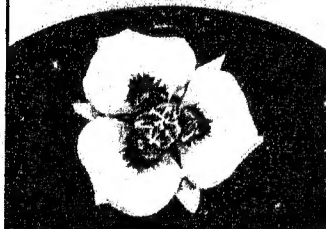
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9-5
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